

the Colorado Water Congress, and on the Advisory Committee for the Colorado State University Department of Engineering for Engineering Dean's Council. Ralph is also a life member of both the American Water Works and the National Water Resources Association.

In addition to his duties on a number of boards, Ralph serves southern Colorado as a water engineer as a member of the firm Adkins & Associates and has done so since 1983. Ralph took a brief break from Colorado and its water issues to serve his country in World War II. As a member of the U.S. Navy, Ralph proudly served his country as a line officer. Ralph is also known as a loving husband and devoted father of three and grandfather of four. He is also involved in his community as a member of the Masons and the Rotarian club.

Mr. Speaker, Ralph's dedication and commitment to improving the lives that are touched by Colorado water is an example to us all. It is the hard work and leadership that Ralph has provided not only to the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District but also the whole state that I wish to bring before this body of Congress. Thank you, Ralph, for all that you have done for Colorado and this nation and good luck in your future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF DAVID M. LAWRENCE, M.D., RETIRING CHAIRMAN AND CEO OF KAISER FOUNDATION HEALTH PLAN AND HOSPITALS

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor David M. Lawrence, M.D. on his retirement after 10 years of outstanding achievements as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc. and Kaiser Foundation Hospitals.

Given Kaiser Permanente's vast influence on American medicine, Dr. Lawrence's successful stewardship of his organization constitutes a contribution not only to Kaiser Permanente's 8.4 million members nationwide, but to all Americans. He is to be commended for the positive impact that Kaiser Permanente has had on the quality and affordability of health care in the United States.

Dr. Lawrence was named CEO in 1991 and Chairman of the Board in 1992. Prior to assuming his current role, Dr. Lawrence served KFHP/KFH as vice chairman and chief operating officer (1990–91); and senior vice president and regional manager in Colorado (1985–88). He also was vice president and area medical director for Northwest Permanente in Portland (1981–85). Dr. Lawrence also served as health officer and director of Human Services in Multnomah County, Oregon; on the faculty of Department of Health Services and Director of MEDEX in the school of Public Health and Community Medicine, University of Washington; as advisor to the Ministry of Health of Chile; and as Peace Corps Physician in the Dominican Republic and Washington D.C.

Dr. Lawrence is a graduate of Amherst College (BA), the University of Kentucky (MD),

and the University of Washington (MPH). He is Board Certified in General Preventive Medicine (Johns Hopkins and University of Washington). He is a member of Alpha Omega Alpha (Medical Honorary Society) and the Institute of Medicine (National Academy of Sciences). He currently serves on the Boards of Agilent Technologies, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Raffles Medical Group of Singapore, The Rockefeller Foundation, RAND Health Advisory Board, the Bay Area Council, and the Hospital Research and Educational Trust (AHA). He previously served as chair of the International Federation of Health Funds and the University of California's President's Board on Research and Economic Development.

Dr. Lawrence is nationally known for his advocacy for improvements in the American health care delivery system. He served as a member of the Institute of Medicine's Committee on Quality of Health Care in America that produced the landmark report on patient safety, "To Err is Human," and the blueprint for improving America's health care system, "The Quality Chasm."

Dr. Lawrence has been active in San Francisco Bay Area community affairs, serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the United Way of the Bay Area and chair of the annual campaign for the United Way in Alameda County and the San Francisco Bay Area. Dr. Lawrence has been recognized as the Outstanding Alumnus of the School of Public Health and Community Medicine, University of Washington (1980); and the Outstanding Alumnus of the College of Medicine, University of Kentucky (1995); and has received honorary degrees from Amherst College (Doctor of Science, 1994), and Colgate University (Doctor of Letters, 1995).

Dr. Lawrence's achievements have improved both Kaiser Permanente and American health care. In his 10-year tenure as Chairman and CEO, he:

1. Made the delivery of quality health care the single most important value of Kaiser Permanente and led Kaiser Permanente to be a quality leader in U.S. medicine.
2. Focused both the nation's and the organization's attention on the issue of patient safety and the need for reforms in the nation's health care delivery system.
3. Championed the expanded use of information technology for clinical care in Kaiser Permanente and the nation as a whole.
4. Partnered with AFL-CIO President John Sweeney to conceive and initiate the Labor and Management Partnership, the only such partnership in the health care industry.
5. Kept Kaiser Permanente's diversity efforts at the forefront of the organization's agenda and made it one of the most inclusive workplaces in the nation.
6. Redesigned Kaiser Permanente's Community Benefit Program to enhance its value to the communities it serves.
7. Led Kaiser Permanente through the turnaround years of financial difficulties and returned it to financial stability.
8. Guided the development of the Kaiser Permanente's National Partnership Agreement, out of which grew the Kaiser Permanente Partnership Group, the joint leadership body that sets direction for the organization.
9. Created and developed a strong senior leadership team from both inside and outside the organization.

10. Created a strong organization that functions with a national focus while maintaining responsiveness to the needs of the individual communities it serves.

We are all fortunate to have had Dr. Lawrence at the helm of Kaiser Permanente and the forefront of American health care. I have valued his insights and perspective during his years at Kaiser Permanente. I have every confidence that he will continue to contribute to the health of all Americans and citizens throughout the world in his post-retirement activities.

TRAIN SECURITY BREACH

HON. JIM GIBBONS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to draw your attention to the unparalleled risk of transporting spent nuclear fuel to Yucca Mountain, Nevada.

The DOE has promised that shipments of high level nuclear waste are among the most secure cargo in the US.

However, just yesterday we discovered that two inmates from a North Carolina prison illegally boarded a train carrying spent nuclear fuel last month.

Had these escapees intended to do great harm, the results could have been devastating.

Although estimates anticipate over 400 nuclear waste shipping accidents to occur during the next 38 years of delivery to Yucca Mountain, there is absolutely no way to estimate that a terrorist will not board a train carrying spent fuel—and present our country with another tremendous tragedy.

Mr. Speaker, let us not give terrorists an easy target.

Vote no on transporting nuclear fuel throughout this Great Nation; through our neighborhoods, past our homes, schools, parks and waterways.

Vote no on House Joint Resolution 87.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ROBERT A. TRISTANO

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize an outstanding individual who has dedicated his life to serve and protect the citizens of Pueblo, Colorado. Corporal Robert A. "Bob" Tristano of the Pueblo Police Department has faithfully served his fellow Coloradans for over thirty years. After a long and successful career as one of Colorado's finest, Bob announced his retirement from the force in December of last year. As Bob looks forward to retirement, I would like to take this time to highlight his service to his community.

Bob began his service with the force in 1968 as a patrolman and within five years was promoted to the rank of corporal. For over twenty years, he remained active in the patrol division, guarding our streets and providing

our community with safe and open routes of travel. He later served a tour at the Pueblo Memorial Airport, and in 1997, accepted a position as a summons and warrants officer. At the time of his retirement, Bob was the most senior member of the force and undoubtedly will be missed by those who sought his expertise and support in their daily lives. Always respecting those who have served before him, Bob was a key supporter of the Pueblo Police Benevolent Association and was often found dedicating his time and energy to the foundation.

Mr. Speaker, as a former law enforcement officer I am well aware of the dangers and hazards our peace officers face today. These individuals work long hours, weekends, and holidays to guarantee their fellow citizen's rights and protection. They work tirelessly with great sacrifice to their personal and family lives to ensure our freedoms remain strong in our homes and communities. Their service and dedication deserves the recognition and thanks of this body of Congress and this nation. This is why, Mr. Speaker, I bring the name of officers like Robert A. Tristano to light today. I wish you all the best Bob and good luck in your future endeavors. Thanks for your service to Pueblo, Colorado.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BYRON
WHITE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I stand before you today to pay tribute to former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Byron White, one of the most extraordinary men of our times. Justice White was a true renaissance man who embodied the ideals, abilities and endless potential upon which our country was founded; and did so in an unassuming, self-effacing manner that won the respect, and more importantly the hearts, of citizens throughout Colorado, America and, indeed, the world. Justice White dedicated his life to improving the lives of each and every human being he came into contact with, from his family and friends to his colleagues and peers. His extraordinary career was punctuated with a myriad of accomplishments, any one of which would serve as the pinnacle of a successful career, but for Byron, each served as simply validation that his efforts to better the nation and its citizens were doing just that: making peoples lives better. I stand before you today, humbled by the life and legacy of Justice White, and honored by the opportunity to pay tribute to such a remarkable man.

Born in Fort Collins, Colorado on June 8, 1917, Byron proved to be the consummate scholar and athlete, excelling both in the classroom and on the playing field. He attended the University of Colorado, where his prowess as a student and an athlete gained him national notoriety. He was an All-American tailback for the Buffaloes, star on the basketball court, but more importantly, especially in the eyes of Byron himself, he was the valedictorian of his graduating class, earning a

3.9 grade-point average. After graduating, he played professional football for the Pittsburgh Pirates, and was named Rookie of the Year in 1938. Showing his preference for intellectual endeavors over athletic ones, despite his success on the football field, Byron gave up his career in the NFL to accept a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford University. The outbreak of World War II brought Byron back to the United States, where he played football for the Detroit Lions, before serving as a Navy officer in the war. After the war, Byron attended Yale Law School, graduating in 1946, and then returned to Colorado to practice law in Denver.

While attending Oxford University, Byron first had the opportunity to meet John F. Kennedy, and later came in contact with him again while serving as a Navy officer in World War II. After becoming actively involved in politics, President Kennedy appointed Byron to the post of Deputy Attorney General, and then, in 1962, appointed him to the Supreme Court. In his remarkable 31 year career as a Supreme Court Justice, Byron gained the respect of his colleagues and of his nation as a conservative judge willing to stand firm for what he believed was just and fair. In 1994, the former Denver Post Office, after being remodeled for the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, was renamed the Byron White Courthouse. Justice White, is, without question, one of the most talented, knowledgeable, charismatic and selfless leaders that our country has ever known, and I am in awe of what he has accomplished on behalf of our country over the course of his illustrious career.

Mr. Speaker, I am truly at a loss in trying to verbally convey the achievements of a man whose extraordinary contributions so profoundly changed the face of our great nation. Aside from his extraordinary accomplishments, it is his unrelenting passion for each and every thing he did, as well as his spirit of honesty and integrity with which he has always conducted himself, that I wish to bring before this body of Congress. He is a remarkable man, who, while faithfully and honestly representing the heart and soul of America, also managed to touch it. I stand before you today, humbled by the legacy that Byron White has left with us, but proud to pay tribute to one of the greatest Americans of our time.

CELEBRATE THE DEDICATION OF
SPARK M. MATSUNAGA ELEMENTARY
AND LONGVIEW SCHOOL

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2002

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the dedication of Spark M. Matsunaga Elementary and Longview School, in Germantown, Maryland. This new school partnership represents an important step for integrating all children into a single education system.

Matsunaga Elementary and Longview School, is named in honor of Senator Spark Masayuki Matsunaga from Hawaii. He was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1962, and later served in the Senate from 1977–1990. Matsunaga Elementary is the first

school in Montgomery County named after an Asian-American.

The school is the first co-located school in Montgomery County and represents an end of separating students with special needs from their peers. The co-location of these schools creates a true community for the students and enhances their learning experience. The children benefit from their interaction by sharing special times in which students read to each other. Also, students celebrate special events together such as Dr. Seuss Day and the Olympics.

To commemorate the co-location of these schools, students raised \$2,100 for a time capsule that will be displayed at the school's Media Center. In addition, students and their families have contributed written works and letters that will be included in the capsule. The capsule will be opened in twenty years when its count-down clock reaches zero.

The success of Matsunaga Elementary and Longview School is due to the hard work of faculty, parents, staff, and students that give hundreds of hours to make the education experience enjoyable. Principal Judy Brubaker and Coordinator Louis Berlin are fortunate to lead this new school into the 21st century, with its new architecture and technology that will enhance the learning environment. Our community is richer because of the students, faculty, and administration of Matsunaga Elementary and Longview School.

FARM SECURITY AND RURAL
INVESTMENT ACT OF 2002

HON. BOB RILEY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to support H.R. 2646, the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002. Because the American farmer is the backbone of our great country, we must continue to make every effort to ensure the viability of the family farmer. I believe the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 does just that, ensures the viability of the family farmer.

This new farm bill was a very carefully constructed bill, a product of over two years of hard work. The legislation strikes the right balance between commodity and conservation programs. It maintains the market-oriented features and planting flexibility of the 1996 Farm Bill, while providing the largest ever investment in conservation, an 80% increase in current funding levels.

Additionally, this legislation is good for the farmers of Alabama. The payment limitations included in this final compromise will keep the farmers of capital-intensive crops, such as cotton and peanuts, viable in Alabama and the entire Southeast. I am proud to be a member of the House Agriculture Committee which created the original House farm bill, and today I am very proud to support the final passage of H.R. 2646, the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002.